

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
MATHEW EUGENE HOVIOUS,  
  
Defendant.

Case No. 3:24-cr-00029-ART-CLB  
  
JUDGE ANNE R. TRAUM'S  
STANDING ORDER REGARDING  
DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES

1. Purpose. The purpose of this order is to expedite the transfer of discoverable material in criminal cases, ensure that delayed discovery and disclosures do not infringe on a Defendant's right to a speedy trial or the timely filing of dispositive motions. It is the intent of the court to encourage complete and open discovery consistent with applicable statutes, case law, and rules of the court at the earliest practicable time. Continuances may be required in any event but delays in providing discovery should not alone necessitate the continuance of motion deadlines and trial dates. Nothing in this rule should be construed as a limitation on the court's authority to order additional discovery.

2. Scope. Circumstances falling outside the parameters of this Order shall be handled on a case-by-case basis by appropriate motion.

3. Initial Disclosures. The Court presumes, unless otherwise advised, that the Defendant requests information pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a).

4. Meet and Confer. Pursuant to Fed. R. of Crim. P. 16.1(a) the parties must meet and confer no later than seven (7) days after arraignment and try to agree on the scope, timing, and method of pretrial disclosure of discovery. The parties shall file with the Court within 30-days a stipulation that sets deadlines by which time the government will:

Action	Deadline/s
Disclose all discovery pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(a)(1)(A)-(F)	
Provide expert witness disclosures consistent with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(a)(1)(G) <sup>1</sup>	Case in Chief: Rebuttal:
Disclose Confidential Informants' identities (if applicable) <sup>2</sup>	
Disclose all information within the scope of <i>Brady v. Maryland</i> , 373 U.S. 83 (1963), <i>Giglio v. United States</i> , 405 U.S. 150 (1972), <i>United States v. Henthorn</i> , 931 F.2d 29 (9th Cir. 1991), and their progeny without regard to materiality within the government's actual or constructive possession	
Disclose all responsive information within the scope of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12.1; 12.2; 12.3 (if applicable)	

The defense will:

Action	Deadline
Provide expert witness disclosures consistent Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(b)(1)(C)	
File written notice of an alibi defense, insanity defense, expert evidence of a mental condition, or public authority defense consistent with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12.1; 12.2 and 12.3	

<sup>1</sup> Any proposed deadline must comply, at minimum, with the following: The government's expert disclosures are due at least sixty (60) days before trial. The government must also certify its compliance with amended Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(b)(1)(C) when filing its expert disclosures. The Defendant's expert disclosures are due at least fourteen (14) days later. The government's rebuttal expert disclosures, if any, are due at least twenty-one (21) days later. If either party wishes to challenge an expert under Federal Rule of Evidence 702, *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993), or on any other ground, that party must file a motion within at least fourteen (14) days of the date the challenged expert disclosures are filed. Any response(s) to any such motion are due at least within fourteen (14) days, and any replies are due seven (7) days after the response(s).

<sup>2</sup> See *United States v. Montgomery*, 998 F.2d 1468 (9th Cir. 1993).

1       5. Jencks Act materials. Jencks Act materials and witnesses' statements shall  
2 be provided as required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 26.2 and 18 U.S.C. § 3500. However,  
3 the government and, where applicable, the Defendant are encouraged to make  
4 such materials and statements available to the other party sufficiently in advance  
5 of trial as to avoid any delays or interruptions.

6       6. Rough notes. The government shall advise all government agents and  
7 officers involved in the action to preserve all rough notes.

8       7. Defendant's Disclosure. Absent defendant's election not to receive  
9 discovery from the government, it is presumed the government requests discovery  
10 pursuant to Rule 16(b). The Court recognizes that the defense's disclosure  
11 obligations under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(b)(1)(A);(B) are restricted  
12 to what the defendant intends to use in its case in chief in trial. As such, discovery  
13 the defense is required to produce may depend upon the evidence and testimony  
14 adduced during the government's case in chief, but the Court encourages  
15 disclosure in a manner that minimizes delays or interruptions.

16       8. Notices. The government is encouraged to provide notice pursuant to  
17 Federal Rules of Evidence 404(b) and 609 at the earliest practicable time in a  
18 manner that minimizes delays or interruptions.

19       9. Continuing duty to disclose. If at any time a party identifies or obtains  
20 additional evidence not previously disclosed which is subject to discovery or  
21 inspection under this standing order, or any other applicable statutes, case law,  
22 and rules of the court such party shall promptly disclose its existence. (This order  
23 contemplates that there will be situations where a continuing investigation by  
24 either party uncovers relevant, discoverable evidence.)

25       10. Status Conference. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement  
26 regarding any aspect of this Order, the parties shall contact Judge Traum's  
27 Courtroom Deputy, Katie Sutherland (katie\_sutherland@nvd.uscourts.gov) and  
28 request a status conference.

1 DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
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